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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, Applicant elects Claims 1-4 of Group I.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement, in particular the assertion in paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action that there is no generic claim. Claims 1, 5 and 11 are independent claims, respectively directed to a light guide plate, a surface light source device and a liquid crystal. The liquid crystal recited in claim 11 includes a surface light source device and the surface light source device recited in claim 5 includes a light guide plate. Substantially all of the limitations recited in claim 1 are recited in claims 5 and 11. Therefore, it is submitted that claim 1 is generic. The addition of other components which combine with the light guide plate recited in claim 1 result in an apparatus having a different name in claims 5 and 11 does not change the genericness of claim 1.

For the above reasons, withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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